

may he, the performer of great deeds, enable us to
pass
over all our, enemies as (we cross a river) with a
boat

SUKTA XIT. (XXVI.)

The deity and Riskis as before: the metre is Gdyatri.

1. Divine purifier, AGNI, with thy radiance and
Varga xrx.
pleasing tongue, bring hither and worship the
gods.¹
2. Feeder, upon butter, bright and
variegated
radiance, we solicit thee, the beholder of heaven,
to
(partake of) the (sacrificial) food.
3. We kindle thee at the sacrifice, wise
AGNI,
whose food is the oblation, who art brilliant and
vast.²
4. Come, AGNI, with all the gods, to the donor
(of
the oblation): we have recourse to thee as
their
invoker.
5. To the institute of the rite, pouring out
the
libation, bring excellent vigour; sit down with
the
gods upon the sacred grass.
6. Victor over thousands, thou favourest,
when
kindled, our holy rites, the honoured messenger of
the
7. Reverence AGNI, by whom all that is, is known,
the bearer of oblations, the youngest of the gods,
the
divine, the ministrant priest.
8. May the sacrifice most solemnly offered by
the
devout duly proceed to day (to the gods): spread
the
sacred grass for their seat.
9. May the MARUTS, the Aswixs, MITRA, VARUNA,
the gods, with all their attendants, sit down upon
this
grass.

¹ Sdma-Veda, ir. 871. Yajw-Vtda, 17. 8.

^a Sfaa-Veda, 11. 872, 873.